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1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, A FEW DAYS AGO THE PRIMEMIN REMARKED TO ME THAT THE BRITISH PROPOSAL OF HAVING OBSERVERS FROM NATO COUNTRIES ON BOARD THE SHIPS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO NATO'S INTEREST. HE SAID THAT IF A NATO OBSERVER BLAMED THE ICELANDIC SHIP FOR A COLLISION OR RAMMING, MOST OF THE POPULATION HERE WOULD NOT BELIEVE IT AND IT WOULD ONLY SERVE TO INCREASE RESENTMENT AGAINST NATO. HE WAS TURNING DOWN THIS PROPOSAL, HE SAID, AS A FRIEND OF NATO. WHEN I ASKED IF HE WOULD AGREE TO OBSERVERS FROM NON-NATO COUNTRIES, HE WAFFLED ON THE ANSWER.

2. I AGREE WITH THE PRIMEMIN'S REASONING AND WOULD RECOMMEND AGAINST NATO OBSERVERS.

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